

Remarks

In the Office Action dated September 9, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that pending claims 1-19 (Group I) and claims 20-22 (Group II) relate to independent and distinct inventions.

Applicants hereby elect pending claims 1-19 (Group I) for further prosecution in this application. Therefore, Applicant has withdrawn claims 20-22 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer and reserves the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

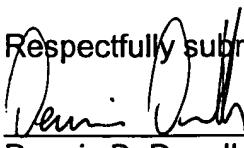
The claims now pending in the application, namely claims 1-19, are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due at this time, however, in the event that any fees have been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

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